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SUBJECT: CZECH FOREIGN MINISTERS VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS

REF: THE HAGUE 5991

1. AT NOVEMBER 25 POLADS MEETING, DUTCH REP (HORAK) REPORTED ON NOVEMBER 17-20 VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS OF CZECH FONMIN CHNOUPEK. DUTCH REPS REPORT COVERED GENERAL DETAILS OF VISIT AS REPORTED REFTEL.

2. WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CSCE FOLLOW UP, FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INTEREST EMERGED:

- CHNOUPEK STATED OPENLY THAT IN CZECH VIEW PRINCIPLES IN CSCE BASKET I SHOULD BE APPLIED ONLY BETWEEN COUNTIRES WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL/POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

- THE CZECHS DEMONSTRATED AN ACITVE INTEREST IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE PROVISIONS OF BASKET II.

- THE CZECHS SAID THEY WOULD IMPLEMENT FEATURES OF BASKET III AND, WITHOUT MAKING SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS, SAID THEY WOULD FACILITATE THE REUNITING OF FAMILIES.

- CZECH GOVERNMENT WAS NOW ISSUING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON CSCW IMPLEMENTATION.
- THE CZECHS SAID NOTHING ABOUT CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES.

3. DUTCH REP SAID CZECHS HAD PROPOSED A JOINT DECLARATION (PARA 4 REFTEL) BASED PRIMARILY ON PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. A SIMILAR PROPOSAL HAD BEEN MADE DURING RECENT STROUGAL VISIT TO PARIS. CZECH PROPOSAL INVOLVED ADDING DIMENSION OF " PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" TO PRINCIPLES PROMULGATED AT HELSINKI. DUTCH DID NOT RESPOND TO CZECH PROPOSAL, GIVEN THEIR LONG STANDING HOSTILITY TO "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" AS INTERPRETED BY COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

4. ALSO OF INTEREST, SAID DUTCH REP, WAS CHNOUPEKS REFERENCE TO GOOD AUSTRO CZECH AND FRG CZECH RELATIONS.

5. IN AREA OF CZECH DUTCH BILATERAL RELATIONS, PARTIES AGREED ON TEN YEAR FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION . THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT ARE BROAD AND EXTEND TO THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

6. CHNOUPEK SUGGESTED REGULAR BILATERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN CZECH AND DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTERS. ALTHOUGH THE DUTCH HAD NOT COMMITTED THEMSELVES, HORAK SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOT AS NEGATIVE AS THEY HAD BEEN IN THE PAST ON SUCH PROPOSALS.

7. DUTCH REP NOTED THAT CHNOUPEK HAD INVITED DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL TO VISIT PRAGUE, BUT NO DATE HAD BEEN SET.
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